

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 7 and 8 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4 and 7 have been further amended and new claim 8 has been added. The present claim amendments are fully supported by the prior claim sets. In fact, new claim 8 is substantially the same as previous claim 3. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the present claim amendments in view of the prior remarks submitted on June 18, 2008.

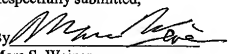
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Monique T. Cole, Reg. No. 60,154 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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